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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT FROM DEPARTMENT'S TV/RADIO NEWS
HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 22 "CHINA", ROD MACLEISH, CBS-TV
EVENING NEWS, SUNDAY, AUGUST 21.

2. IF YOU LIKE REVOLUTION FOR ITS OWN SAKE, ONE OF THE
WORST THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU IS WINNING. REVOLU-
TION IS THE EXCITING GAME OF SMASHING DOWN THE CITY GATES
AND KNOCKING THE OLD ORDER OFF ITS THRONE. BUT ONCE
YOU'VE DONE THAT, YOU HAVE TO CREATE A NEW ORDER TO DEAL
WITH A LOT OF THE DECIDEDLY UNEXCITING PROBLEMS, - WORK-
ING UP NATIONAL BUDGETS, GETTING THE CROPS IN AND MAKING
THE TRAINS RUN ON TIME. THAT'S THE BORING PRICE OF
WINNING, AND THAT'S WHERE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
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IS RIGHT NOW.

3. TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENED IN CHINA. MAO TSE-
TUNG, THE GRANDDADDY OF ALL MODERN REVOLUTIONARIES, IS
DEAD. HIS WIDOW AND MOST OF THE REST OF HIS RADICAL
FOLLOWERS ARE IN JAIL. TENG HSIAO-PING, A MAN HATED BY
THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTIONARY PURISTS, HAS BOUNCED BACK

FROM DISGRACE FOR A SECOND TIME. TENG IS NOW ONE OF THE

THREE MEN RUNNING CHINA, AND SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE HE IS THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL THREE. TENG IS AN INDIFFERENT REVOLUTIONARY. BY CHINESE STANDARDS HIS INTEREST IN COMMUNIST DOCTRINE AND THEORY APPEARS TO BE SLIGHT. BUT HE'S A VERY ABLE AND PRACTICAL MAN, GOOD AT ALL THE BORING STUFF OF RUNNING GOVERNMENTS.

4. THE 11TH CONGRESS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS JUST ENDED. MAO'S SUCCESSOR, CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG, STILL USES THE OLD REVOLUTIONARY JARGON. BUT THOSE PEOPLE YOU SAW DANCING IN THE STREETS IN CHINESE CITIES UNDERSTAND THE REAL MEANING BENEATH THE JARGON. THE EMPHASIS IS GOING TO BE ON STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS SEEM TO HAVE REALIZED AT LAST THAT THEY'VE WON. THE SOUNDS AND ENERGY OF THE REVOLUTION STILL ELECTRIFY THE COUNTRY. BUT NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE USED TO MAKE THE TRAINS RUN ON TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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